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DECEMBER 11 AHRAM CARRIES PAGE ONE ACCOUNT OF SO CALLED EGYPTIAN "POLITICAL VICTORY" IN WAKE OF JEWISH CONGRESS RECENTLY HELD IN MADRID. STORY RELATES HOW ARAB REPS IN MADRID, LED BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, EXTRACTED ASSURANCES FROM FOREIGN MINISTER THAT SPAIN WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND THAT IT REMAINS DETERMINED TO TAKE NO ACTION SUSCEPTIBLE OF UNDERMING TRADITIONAL HISPANO-ARAB FRIENDSHIP. EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMY REPORTEDLY RECEIVED SIMILAR ASSURANCES FROM SPANISH AMB. IN CAIRO, INCLUDING PROMISE THAT RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL COULD ONLY FOLLOW WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB LANDS AND RESPECT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. SPANISH AMB. REORTEDLY STRESSED THAT CONGRESS HAD BEEN PERMITTED BY SPANISH ONLY ON UNDERSTANDING THAT SCOPE WOULD BE LIMITED TO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS. KING JUAN CARLOS AND MINJUSTICE REFUSAL TO MEET WITH CONFERENCE MEMBERS ENSURED WHEN MEETING "CHANGED AIMS TO WHICH IT WAS COMMITTED."
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